

1 **Amendment to the Claims**

2 **In the Claims:**

3 Please cancel Claims 9 and 25 and amend Claims 1 and 17 as follows:

4 1. (Currently Amended) A method for utilizing personal information to customize an  
5 application program, comprising the steps of:

6 receiving personal information from a user corresponding to a unique user identity,  
7 wherein the personal information includes at least one of the user's:

8 surname;

9 given name;

10 address;

11 set of initials;

12 telephone number; and

13 firm name;

14 creating a user record for each unique user identity including the personal information;

15 storing multiple user records with personal information that corresponds to a plurality  
16 of unique user identities, each of the user records being accessible by a plurality of application  
17 programs; and

18 upon identifying the unique user identity applicable to execution of an application  
19 program that is included in the plurality of application programs, sharing the personal information  
20 corresponding with the unique user identity with the application program, wherein the personal  
21 information is applied to customize an output of the application program by including at least a  
22 portion of the personal information within the output of the application program.

23 2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

24 in response to receiving new personal information corresponding to the unique user identity,

25 retrieving the user record including the personal information;

26 modifying the user record including the personal information with the new personal  
27 information; and

28 sharing the new personal information with the application program, wherein the new  
29 personal information is applied to an output of the application program.

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1           3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:  
2           in response to receiving new personal information corresponding to a new unique user  
3 identity,  
4           creating a user record including the new personal information corresponding to the  
5 new unique user identity; and  
6           sharing the new personal information corresponding to the new unique user identity  
7 with the application program, wherein the new personal information corresponding to the new unique  
8 user identity is applied to an output of the application program.

9           4. (Original) The method of Claim 3, further comprising the steps of:  
10          in response to receiving a change in user identity,  
11          retrieving the user record corresponding to the changed user identity; and  
12          sharing personal information associated with the user record corresponding to the  
13 changed user identity with the application program, wherein the personal information associated with  
14 the user record corresponding to the changed user identity is applied to an output of the application  
15 program.

16          5. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of storing the user record in  
17 a framework identity database.

18          6. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 5, wherein the step of receiving personal  
19 information further comprises the step of sending the personal information to a shared code library  
20 for the plurality of application programs, wherein the shared code library sends the personal  
21 information to the framework identity database.

22          7. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of receiving personal  
23 information corresponding to a unique user identity further comprises the step of receiving the  
24 personal information through a user interface.

25          8. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of receiving personal  
26 information corresponding to a unique user identity further comprises the step of receiving one of  
27 new and previously stored personal information from one of a computer and a network.

28          9. (Currently Canceled)

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1           10. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 7, wherein the user interface comprises at  
2 least one of: a graphical user interface, a mouse, a keyboard, a touch-sensitive display screen, and a  
3 voice recognition interface.

4           11. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the personal information  
5 comprises at least one of: a user name, an address, a telephone number, a picture, a speech pattern, a  
6 preference, and a list.

7           12. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the personal information  
8 comprises at least one of: a dictionary, an auto-correct list, a menu option, a dialog layout, a  
9 dictionary setting, a grammar setting, a help list, and a user preference list.

10          13. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the output comprises at least one  
11 of: a document, a template, a wizard, a command, a tab, a preference, and a feature.

12          14. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the application program  
13 comprises at least one of: a word processor, an electronic spreadsheet, a graphical presentation  
14 program, an electronic personal information manager, and an electronic mail program.

15          15. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the application program  
16 comprises a plurality of modules.

17          16. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of receiving personal  
18 information comprises the step of receiving personal information from a second application program.

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1           17. (Currently Amended) A computer system for utilizing personal information to customize  
2 an application program comprising:

3           a memory for storing an application program, machine instructions, and a framework identity  
4 database; and

5           a processor functionally coupled to the memory, for executing the machine instructions and in  
6 response thereto, being operable for:

7                 receiving personal information from a user corresponding to a unique user identity,  
8 wherein the personal information includes at least one of the user's:

9                         surname;

10                        given name;

11                        address;

12                        set of initials;

13                        telephone number; and

14                        firm name;

15                 creating a user record for each unique user identity including the personal information;  
16                 storing multiple user records with personal information that corresponds to a plurality  
17 of unique user identities, each of the user records being accessible by a plurality of application  
18 programs; and

19                 upon identifying the unique user identity applicable to execution of an application  
20 program included in the plurality of application programs, sharing the personal information  
21 corresponding with the unique user identity with the application program, wherein the personal  
22 information is applied to customize an output of the application program by including at least a  
23 portion of the personal information within the output of the application program.

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1           18. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the machine  
2 instructions further cause the processor to:

3           in response to receiving new personal information corresponding to the unique user identity,  
4           retrieve the user record including the personal information;  
5           modify the user record including the personal information with the new personal  
6 information; and

7           share the new personal information with the application program, wherein the new  
8 personal information is applied to an output of the application program.

9           19. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the machine  
10 instructions further cause the processor to:

11           in response to receiving new personal information corresponding to a new unique user  
12 identity,

13           create a user record including the new personal information corresponding to the new  
14 unique user identity; and

15           share the new personal information corresponding to the new unique user identity with  
16 the application program, wherein the new personal information corresponding to the new unique user  
17 identity is applied to an output of the application program.

18           20. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 19, wherein the machine  
19 instructions further cause the processor to:

20           in response to receiving a change in user identity,

21           retrieve the user record corresponding to the changed user identity; and

22           share personal information associated with the user record corresponding to the  
23 changed user identity with the application program, wherein the personal information associated with  
24 the user record corresponding to the changed user identity is applied to an output of the application  
25 program.

26           21. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the machine  
27 instructions further cause the processor to store the user record in the framework identity database.

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1           22. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 21, wherein the machine  
2 instructions further cause the processor to send the personal information to a shared code library for  
3 the plurality of application programs, wherein the shared code library sends the personal information  
4 to the framework identity database.

5           23. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the personal  
6 information corresponding to the unique user identity is received through a user interface.

7           24. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the personal  
8 information corresponding to the unique user identity is received as one of new and previously stored  
9 personal information from one of a computer and a network.

10          25. (Currently Canceled)

11          26. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, further comprising a user  
12 interface comprising at least one of: a graphical user interface, a mouse, a keyboard, a touch-  
13 sensitive display screen, and a voice recognition interface.

14          27. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the personal  
15 information comprises at least one of: a user name, an address, a telephone number, a picture, a  
16 speech pattern, a preference, and a list.

17          28. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the personal  
18 information comprises at least one of: a dictionary, an auto-correct list, a menu option, a dialog  
19 layout, a dictionary setting, a grammar setting, a help list, and a user preference list.

20          29. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the output comprises  
21 at least one of: a document, a template, a wizard, a command, a tab, a preference, and a feature.

22          30. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the application  
23 program comprises at least one of: a word processor, an electronic spreadsheet, a graphical  
24 presentation program, an electronic personal information manager, and an electronic mail program.

25          31. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the application  
26 program comprises a plurality of modules.

27          32. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein personal information  
28 is received from a second application program.